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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM CEASE-FIRE WEEKLY ASSESSMENT APRIL 24-30, 1974

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PART I -- SUMMARY (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN MR-1 AGAIN INCREASED AND WAS AT A RECORD HIGH FOR THE YEAR. COMMUNIST FORCES MOUNTED GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST GVN UNITS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND ATTACKED A GVN MARINE UNIT BY FIRE IN NORMALLY QUIET QUANG TRI PROVINCE IN AN INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

2. IN MR-2 MILITARY ACTIVITY DECLINED AND NO INCIDENTS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE OCCURED. TERRORISM AGAINST GVN VILLAGE AND HAMLET OFFICIALS INCREASED IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE AND WITH SIMILAR INCIDENTS REPORTED EARLIER IN OTHER MR-2 PROVINCES THE ATTACKS SUGGEST THAT INCREASING PRIORITY IS BEING GIVEN TO THIS TACTIC.

3. MR-3 CONTINUED AS THE MAIN FOCUS FOR MAJOR MILITARY ACTION BETWEEN GVN AND COMMUNIST FORCES. IN AN ACTION IN NORTHERN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE AN ARVN ARMORED TASK FORCE CAUGHT AND DECIMATED AN NVA BATTALION WITH MINIMAL LOSSES TO ITSELF. IN THE PARROT'S BEAK AREA OTHER GVN FORCES WERE HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH 5TH NVA DIVISION FORCES PREPARING TO MOUNT ANOTHER ATTACK AGAINST THE GVN RANGER BASE AT DUC HUE.

4. IN MR-4 THE INTENSITY OF MILITARY ACTIVITY INCREASED, AND LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES REMAINED HIGH IN SPITE OF AN OVERALL DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DELTA-WIDE. IN DINH TUONG THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUED TO GIVE MAJOR ATTENTION TO DISRUPTING GVN LOC'S. IN THE SOUTHERN DELTA IN KIEN GIANG  
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PROVINCE, THE COMMUNISTS PROCEEDED WITH THE SYSTEMATIC EXPANSION OF THEIR OPERATIONS IN KINH BINH AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS. THE GROWING REFUGEE POPULATION ATTESTS TO THEIR SUCCESS.

PART II -- ICCS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. THE ICCS PLENARY, WHICH HAS BEEN DEADLOCKED OVER INVES-

TIGATION PRIORITIES, TEMPORARILY SET ASIDE THESE DISPUTES  
IN A SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 26 TO PASS A \$24,590,982 MILLION  
BUDGET FOR PARIL 1974-MARCH 1975. AN ICCS: PA&E JEEP MARKED  
AS SUCH WAS AMBUSHED APRIL 29 BY A B-40 ROCKET AND THREE  
ICCS/PA&E LOCAL EMPLOYEES WOUNDED. A LIEUTENANT FROM THE  
ICCS HUNGARIAN DELEGATION SOUGHT ASYLUM IN THE AUSTRALIAN  
EMB AND WAS THEREUPON FLOWN TO AUSTRALIA AND ADMITTED AS  
A IMMIGRANT. THE HUNGARIAN WAS THE THIRD MEMBER OF A  
COMMUNIST ICCS DELEGATION (WITH ONE EARLIER HUNGARIAN AND  
ONE POLE) TO SEEK ASYLUM SINCE THE CEASEFIRE.

PART III -- COMMUNIST ATTACK ADMINISTRATION AID PROPOSALS  
(UNCLASSIFIED) ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC  
AND MILITARY AID FOR FISCAL '75 WERE CONDENMED IN NORTH  
VIETNAMESE GOVT AND MEDIA COMMENT. MHAN DAN CHARGED ON  
APRIL 26 THAT THE NEW AID WOULD ALLOW THE US TO CONTINUE  
ITS "AGGRESSIVE POLICY" BY FUELING A "DIFFERENT FORM" OF  
WAR IN VIETNAM. THE PAPER WENT ON TO ASSAIL "RIDICULOUS  
ALLEGATIONS" ADVANCED BY PRES NIXON, SECTY KISSINGER AND  
AMB MARTIN IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST. ON  
APRIL 27 THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A STATEMENT CON-  
DEMNING, IN SIMILAR TERMS, THE "BRAZEN SLANDERS" OF THE  
ADMINISTRATION AGAINST THE DRV.

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PART IV -- MR-1 (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

ACCORDING TO I CORPS HEADQUARTERS THERE WERE 178 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS LAST WEEK. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 78 OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTAL. FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN SUCCESSION THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VIOLATIONS HAS ESTABLISHED A RECORD HIGH FOR THE YEAR TO DATE. THE INCREASED LEVEL OF ACTIVITY PEAKED ON APRIL 26 WITH 33 VIOLATIONS. CASUALTIES DURING THE WEEK REMAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL. FOLLOWING THE PATTERN OF LAST WEEK, BY FAR THE LARGEST INCREASE IN ACTIVITY OCCURRED IN QUANG NGAI. GVN CASUALTIES: 118 KIA, 368 WIA. NVA/VC LOSSES: 169 KIA, 1 RETURNEE.

2. NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

THE NORMALLY QUIET NORTHERN FRONT IN QUANG TRI WAS DISTURBED BY AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE ON APRIL 24. THE INCIDENT APPARENTLY BEGAN BY THE ERECTION OF A FLAG AND AN EXCHANGE OF PROPAGANDA

INSULTS BY LOUDSPEAKER. A COMPANY OF THE 3RD MARINE BATTALION RECEIVED 80 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE WHICH KILLED 3 AND WOUNDED 7 BEFORE BOTH SIDES CALMED DOWN. THE EXCHANGE APPEARS TO BE AN ISOLATED INCIDENT RATHER THAN AN INDICATION OF A CHANGE OF COMMUNIST TACTICS ALONG THE FIXED FRONT LINE.

3. IN THUA THIEN THERE WAS A GENERAL INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY. ELEMENTS OF TWO COMPANIES OF THE 54TH INF REFT SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT SHELLINGS FOLLOWED BY GROUND ATTACKS IN THUONG LO VILLAGE OF NAM HOA DISTRICT. IN ONE INCIDENT THE ARVN UNITS RECEIVED 100 ROUNDS OF FIRE BEFORE THE GROUND ATTACK. IN THE OTHER, 400 ROUNDS OF FIRE PRECEDED THE ATTACKS. ELSEWHERE, THE RAILROAD WAS INTERRUPTED BRIEFLY BY THE DESTRUCTION OF A SMALL WOODEN BRIDGE. ARVN TROOPS DISCOVERED SEVERAL MINES AND REMOVED THEM BEFORE THEY WERE DETONATED. ELSEWHERE ALONG THE ROUTE SPIKES WERE REMOVED FROM 10 METERS OF RAIL, BUT THE  
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SABOTAGE WAS DISCOVERED IN TIME.

4. SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS:

IN QUANG NAM THE INCREASED SHELLINGS WERE CONCENTRATED IN DAI LOC DISTRICT, AND THE DISTRICT SEAT WAS ROCKETED THREE TIMES. A COMMUNIST FORCE ABDUCTED TEN CHILDREN FROM LOC AN VILLAGE OF DAI LOC DISTRICT AND ANOTHER DESTROYED 95 THATCH HOMES IN DUC DUC DISTRICT. ON APRIL 27 A SMALL MINE DAMAGED THREE METERS OF THE RAILROAD. TWO ATTEMPTS ON NAVAL CRAFT BY FROGMEN OCCURRED. OFF COASTAL GROUP 14 TWO ENEMY SWIMMERS WERE KILLED, BUT IN DANANG BAY WHAT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE BLEW A HOLE IN A SHELL-CHARTERED TANKER TAKING ON GASOLINE.

5. QUANG TIN, ALTHOUGH NORMALLY QUIET, WAS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW. A SAPPER ATTACK ON THE REAR HEADQUARTERS OF THE 6TH REGT OF THE 2ND INF DIVISION DESTROYED TWO HOWITZERS. THE CHU LAI HEADQUARTERS OF THE 2ND DIVISION WAS ROCKETED TWICE. THE ENEMY ALSO LAUNCHED SEVERAL ATTACKS IN KY TRA VILLAGE OF TAM KY DISTRICT AND IN WESTERN THANG BINH DISTRICT. BOTH AREAS HAVE BEEN CONTESTED IN RECENT MONTHS.

6. QUANG NGAI REMAINED THE SCENE OF INTENSE LOW-LEVEL MILITARY ACTIVITY WITH COMMUNIST LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL FORCES ENGAGING GVN FORCES UP TO COMPANY SIZE. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CLASHES OCCURRED ALONG THE SONG VE RIVER, BOTH IN THE CONG HOA VALLEY AND IN NORTHWESTERN MO DUC. ON APRIL 27 THE ENEMY ATTACKED A COMPANY OF THE 139 RF BN. THE GVN LOST 22 KIA (INCLUDING THE COMPANY COMMANDER) AND 11 WIA. ON APRIL 28 A COMMAND POST OF THE 11TH RANGER GROUP AND QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD RECEIVED 12 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKET. COMMUNIST FORCES ALSO MAINTAINED PRESSURE

IN THE BATANGAN PENINSULA. IN HA THANH VILLAGE OF SON HA DISTRICT, THE VIET CONG BURNED DOWN SOME 130 MONTAGNARD HOUSES IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE GVN INABILITY TO PROTECT CITIZENS LIVING ONLY 500 METERS FROM THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (WHICH WAS TWICE MORTARED DURING THE WEEK).

7. ICCS:

THE HUNGARIANS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM ALL TEAM SITES IN REGION II  
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AND FROM QUANG TRI IN REGION I OSTENSIBLY IN ORDER BETTER TO OBSERVE MAY DAY. THERE WERE NO REPORTED OBSERVATIONS MADE IN ICCS REGION I. IN REGION II, HOWEVER, THE INDONESIANS MADE ONE OBSERVATION OF A COMMUNIST VIOLATION AND WERE JOINED BY THE IRANIANS FOR SIX MORE.

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PART V -- MR-2 (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. STATISTICAL SUMMARY: MR HEADQUARTERS IN NHA TRANG BRIEFED 128 INCIDENTS DURING THE WEEK, A DECREASE OF TWO FROM LAST WEEK AND THE LOWEST FIGURE FOR THE MONTH. NONE OF THE INDIVIDUAL INCIDENTS WERE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE INCREASING TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST VILLAGE AND HAMLET OFFICIALS. WELL OVER HALF OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN BINH DINH (41) AND PLEIKU (35). A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WAS NOTED IN QUANG DUC (19) AND PHU YEN (13); INCIDENTS WERE ALSO REPORTED IN KONTUM (8), BINH THUAN (5), TUYEN DUC (3), KHANH HOA (2), DARLAC (1) AND NINH THUAN (1). CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD DECLINED, WITH RVNAF REPORTING 31 KIA, 102 WIA, AND 5 MIA WHILE CLAIMING 326 NVA/VC KIA. THIS COMPARES TO RVNAF'S 651 KIA, 154 WIA AND 32 MIA AND THE COMMUNIST'S 577 KIA LAST WEEK. AIR ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED IN QUANG DUC (44), BINH DINH (42), PLEIKU (32) AND DARLAC (2).

2. TERRORISM: KHANH HOA PROVINCE HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN TERRORIST TACTICS RECENTLY. ON APRIL 24, SOME 20 COMMUNISTS ENTERED A GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED HAMLET WHERE THEY COLLECTED SALT AND PROPOGANDIZED THE LOCAL RESIDENTS. THEY THREATENED VILLAGE AND HAMLET OFFICIALS WITH DEATH IF THEY CONTINUED THEIR "OFFENSIVE

ACTIONS" AND SERVED DEATH NOTICES ON TWO PERSONS WHOM THEY IDENTIFIED AS GVN AGENTS. SIXTEEN PERSONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED ABDUCTED IN THE PROVINCE DURING THE WEEK. IN BINH THUAN PROVINCE THERE WAS ONE HAMLET CHIEF ASSASSINATION DURING THE WEEK. THESE INCIDENTS, COMBINED WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INCIDENTS IN BINH DINH AND PHU YEN, SUGGEST INCREASED PRIORITY TO THIS TACTIC AMONG THE LOCAL COMMUNIST FORCES.

3. KONTUM/PLEIKU: THE SITUATION IN KONTUM WAS QUIET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME LOW LEVEL ACTIVITY NE OF THE TOWN, AND IN THE VICINITY OF DAK PEK. NE OF THE TOWN, GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO RETAKE POSITIONS FROM WHICH THEY CAN HARRASS MOVEMENT ON THE VO DINH/KON BRAIH ROAD, DAK PEK IS AN ISOLATED GOVERNMENT POSITION IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE PROVINCE, WHICH COMMUNISTS ATTEMPTED  
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TO PENETRATE ON APRIL 25 AND 26. THE SECOND, AND MORE SERIOUS, PENETRATION ATTEMPT RESULTED IN 14 NVA KIA AND THE CAPTURE OF SEVERAL SMALL ARMS AND DOCUMENTS. LOCAL AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THESE ATTACKS TO BE A HARBINGER OF A MAJOR ATTEMPT ON THE OUTPOST, WHICH REPRESENTS A POTENTIAL THREAT TO COMMUNIST LOC CONSTRUCTINN IN THE AREA. IN PLEIKU PROVINCE, FREQUENT BUT LIGHT CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE VICINITY OF THANH AN, SW OF PLEIKU TOWN. FSB 711, BETWEEN THANH ANH AND PLEI ME, WAS REOCCUPIED WITHOUT RESISTANCE ON APRIL 22 AND REMAINS IN FRIENDLY HANDS. THE NVA 48TH AND 64TH REGIMENTS ARE REPORTED WITHDRAWING FROM THE AREA FOR REST AND REFITTING.

4. BINH DINH/PHU YEN: ACTIVITY IN BINH DINH PROVINCE DECLINED BUT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SPOILING OPERATIONS ON THE FRINGES OF COMMUNIST DOMINATED AREAS. ACTIVITY WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS, AND ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 29 THERE WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL GROUND ATTACK AGAINST A GOVERNMENT POSITION SOUTH OF TAM QUAN DISTRICT TOWN. REPAIR OF THE BONG SON BRIDGE CONTINUES AND ON APRIL 25 THE GVN COMPLETED A BYPASS, REOPENING QL 1 TO NORMAL TRAFFIC. ACTIVITY IN PHU YEN CONTINUES AT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LEVELS, WITH THE TERRITORIAL FORCES JOBING COMMUNIST POSITIONS AND THE COMMUNISTS RESPONDING WITH MININGS AND BOOBY TRAPS.

5. OTHER AREAS: THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS APPROVED THE FORMATION OF A THIRD DISTRICT IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, WHICH WILL BORDER ON BINH TUY AND LONG KHANH PROVINCES, IN MR III. THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE REORGANIZATION ARE TO INTERFERE WITH A VC SUPPLY ROUTE FROM CAMBODIA TO BINH THUAN PROVINCE, TO ESTABLISH CLOSER CONTROL OVER AN AREA CLOSE TO THE VC MR 6 HEADQUARTERS AND TO AFFORD BETTER PROTECTION TO THE ELECTRICAL LINES FROM TUYEN DUC TO SAIGON (LAST WEEK'S SITREP.) QUANG DUC PROVINCE CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE SOME COMBAT IN THE VICINITY OF BU PRANG/BU BONG, AS THE ARVN ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR THE COMMUNISTS FROM THE AREA.



6. ICCS: A PAE/ICCS JEEP WAS AMBUSHED ON QL-1 BETWEEN TUY HOA AND TUY AN, PHU YEN PROVINCE, AT 0715 HOURS ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 29. THE AMBUSH OCCURRED AT CQ 143554 WHILE THE JEEP WAS BRINGING SIX LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO TUY AN. THREE OF THE PASSENGERS RECEIVED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS. TWO OF THE INJURED ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION. IT APPEARS THAT A B-40 IMPACTED NEAR THE JEEP; THERE  
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WERE NO DIRECT HITS. MEMBERS OF THE IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS, ACTING ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LOCAL TPJMC OFFICER, WENT TO THE SITE TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS. MEMBERS OF THE COHMMUNIST DELEGATION REMAINED BEHIND "TO PROTECT THE COMPOUND". THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS IN REGIONS III AND IV ARE UNDER INCREASED SECURITY RESTRICTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT DEFECTION IN SAIGON; ONE DELEGATE SAYS THEY HAVE ALL BEEN CHAINED TO THEIR COMPOUNDS.

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PART VI -- MAR-3 (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. MR 3 HQ REPORTED 206 MILITARY INCIDENTS THIS REPORTING PERIOD COMPARED WITH 263 IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND THE RECORD HIGH OF 377 FOUR WEEKS AGO. IN THE MAJOR CLASH OF THE PERIOD, AN ARVN ARMORED TASK FORCE DECIMATED A BATTALION OF THE NVA 101ST INDEPENDENT REGIMENT IN NORTHERN HAU NGHIA. AS THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDED ARVN WAS ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS AGAINST THE 5TH NVA DIVISION WHICH HAS BEEN THREATENING THE DUC HUE RANGER BASE IN WESTERN HAU NGHIA.

2. ATTACKS BY FIRE DROPPED TO 80, WELL BELOW THE 124 REPORTED THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THERE WERE 47 GROUND CONTACTS AND 11 COMBINED ABF AND GROUND INCIDENTS. MININGS WERE SET AT 43 AND THERE WERE 25 SMALL ARMS HARRASSMENTS, SAPPER ATTACKS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS. VNAF REPORTED 260 SORTIES DURING THIS PERIOD, 12 OF WHICH ORIGINATED OUTSIDE THIS REGION. GVN CASUALTIES WERE SET AT 69 KIA, 337 WIA, AND 18 MIA COMPARED TO COMMUNIST LOSSES OF 177 KIA, 16 CIA AND SEVEN RALLIERS.

3. IN A TEN HOUR BATTLE AGAINST THE 8TH BATTALION OF THE NVA 101ST INDEPENDENT REGIMENT NEAR CHA RAY, HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, THE 315TH ARMORED TASK FORCE KILLED 101 COMMUNIST TROOPS AND CAPTURED 10 WHILE LOSING ONLY 2 ARVN KIA AND 25 WIA. FIELD REPORTS INDICATE THE BODY COUNT COULD HAVE BEEN HIGHER BUT ARVN TROOPS WEARIED OF DIGGING UP ENEMY REMAINS, MANY OF WHOM HAD BEEN BURIED IN THEIR BUNKERS BY VNAF BOMBING. THIS GVN SUCCESS SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE THREAT OF COMMUNIST INTERDICTION OF ROUTE 1 IN WESTERN MR 3.

4. ELSEWHERE IN HAU NGHIA NVA/VC FORCES CONTINUED TO SHELL THE DUC HUE RANGER BASE AND THREE HELICOPTERS OPERATING IN THE AREA WERE DAMAGED BY COMMUNIST AA DURING THE PERIOD BUT NO AIRCRAFT WERE LOST. SAPPER DAMAGE STOPPED TRAFFIC ON THE LONG VAN BRIDGE ON ROUTE TL 10 2 KMS NW OF DUC HOA DISTRICT TOWN AND SAPPERS DAMAGED A BRIDGE BUT DID NOT INTERDICT TRAFFIC ON IT BETWEEN DUC  
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HOA AND BEN LUC TO THE SOUTH.

5. THE VAN DON BASE IN NORTHERN BINH DUONG MANNED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH ARVN DIVISION WAS SUBJECTED TO COMMUNIST SHELLING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK BUT REPORTED ONLY MINOR CASUALTIES. NORTH OF PHU GIAO, SEVERAL RUBBER PLANTATION TRUCKS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PASS COMMUNIST CHECKPOINTS ON ROUTE 1A AND PROCEED TO PHUOC LONG BUT OTHER VEHICLES WERE TURNED BACK.

6. ICCS: AT THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, HUNGARIAN AND POLISH DELEGATIONS (EXCEPT FOR POLISH INTERPRETERS AT CU CHI AND LAM SON) WERE ABSENT FROM REGION V TEAM SITES AT XUAN LOC, CU CHI, LAM SON AND TAN AN. THE ABSENCES APPEAR TO BE IN CONNECTION WITH MAY DAY. THE REGION V INDONESIAN DELEGATION SPECULATES, HOWEVER, THAT THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS FROM THE SUB-REGIONAL TEAM SITES COULD SIGNAL INCREASED VC ACTIVITY AT THESE LOCATIONS, AS HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST WHEN COMMUNISTS ARE NOT PRESENT. THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION REPORTED IT CONDUCTED FOUR "OBSERVATIONS" DURING THE WEEK, 2 IN AN LOC, AND 2 IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE. INDODEL ADDED THAT IT EXPECTS TO REDEPLOY MEMBERS TO AN LOC IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT IS STILL WAITING FOR ORDERS.

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

USLO PEKING

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI

CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI

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PART VII -- MR-4 (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. SECURITY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL ACTIVITY: ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN THE DELTA DECLINED, THE INTENSITY OF ACTIVITY INCREASED AND LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES REMAINED HIGH. IN THE NORTHERN DELTA, VC/NVA FORCES LAUNCHED A SERIES OF INITIATIVES IN KIEN TUONG AND KIEN PHONG PROVINCES POSSIBLY AS A PRELUDE TO MOVEMENT OF THE 5TH NVA DIVISION INTO KIEN TUONG. ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG REMAINED HIGH ALTHOUGH VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS DROPPED. ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTHERN DELTA WAS SIMILAR TO LAST WEEK, BUT KIEN GIANG REPORTS A DECREASE IN INCIDENTS. STATISTICAL SUMMARY: CORPS REPORTS 405 INCIDENTS (534 LAST WEEK) CONSISTING OF 75 GROUND ATTACKS (67), ONE INFILTRATION (1), 217 ABF (320), 91 HARASSMENTS (127), 3 SABOTAGE (5), AND 11 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (13). GVN LOSSES ARE REPORTED AS 230 KIA (237), 950 WIA (888), 105 MIA (128), AND 14 CREW-SERVED (13) AND 311 INDIVIDUAL (303) WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 673 VC/NVA KIA (563), 18 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (35), AND 36 CREW-SERVED (19) AND 205 INDIVIDUAL (158) WEAPONS SEIZED.

B. NORTHERN DELTA: IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE, VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY. IN THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT, A MINE DISCHARGED IN A COFFEE SHOP IN DIEM MY (V), SAM GIANG (D), ON HIGHWAY 4. THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY SUB-SECTOR COMMANDER WERE KILLED AND THE VILLAGE CHIEF, DEPUTY VILLAGE CHIEF FOR ADMIN., TWO HAMLET CHIEFS AND ONE CIVILIAN WERE WOUNDED. A MINE WAS DISCOVERED ON HIGHWAY 4 IN THE SAME VILLAGE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 27 AND DETONATED BY 7TH ARVN DIVISION EOD. IN OTHER INCIDENTS ON HIGHWAY 4, TWO CIVILIAN VEHICLES WERE HIT BY B-40 FIRE IN CAI LAY DISTRICT, ONE IN NHI MY VILLAGE AT 2045 HOURS ON APRIL 28 AND ONE IN NHI QUI VILLAGE AT 0545 HOURS ON APRIL 29. THREE CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN EACH INCIDENT. LOWER OVERALL LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN DINH TUONG IS BELIEVED TO BE A TEMPORARY LULL WHILE VC/NVA MANEUVERING, RESUPPLY AND INFILTRATION CONTINUE. INCIDENTS IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE DOUBLED WITH SEVEN OUTPOSTS OVERRUN (FOUR IN KIEN VAN AND THREE IN MY AN DISTRICT) AND ANOTHER IN MY AN

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WAS ABANDONED UNDER PRESSURE. THREE BRIDGES ON ROUTE 30 (NRNIING MY THO TO KIEN PHONG PROVINCE CAPITAL) WERE BLOWN UP ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 23 STOPPING ALL BUT MILITARY TRAFFIC ON ROUTE 30. KIEN PHONG S-2 BELIEVES VC/NVA GOALS THERE ARE TO ENLARGE AREAS THEY CONTROL, SECURE 1-A INFILTRATION ROUTE, AND CONSOLIDATE BASE AREA 307 KIN KIEN VAN DISTRICT. MOST OF THE OUTPOSTS SUBJECT TO ATTACK WERE ALONG ROUTE 1-A AND AROUND BASE AREA 307, WHILE ROUTE 30 LINKS THE PROVINCE CAPITAL TO KIEN VAN DISTRICT. GO CONG AND CHAU DOC WERE RELATIVELY QUIET.

C. CENTRAL DELTA: KIEN HOA ACTIVITY DROPPED SLIGHTLY. FOUR WATCHTOWERS WERE OVERRUN AND 16 PERSONS KIDNAPPED, MOSTLY IN HAM LONG DISTRICT. THIRTY-THREE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED IN KIEN HOA SINCE APRIL 15. VINH BINH PROVINCE ALSO REPORTS DECREASED ACTIVITY CONSISTING MOSTLY OF HARASSMENTS AGAINST GVN POSITIONS. A HAMLET CHIEF, DEPUTY HAMLET CHIEF, ONE PF AND ONE PSDF WERE KILLED BY A VC INFILTRATION GROUP LED BY THREE PSDF AT XEP PHUNG (H), LONG HOA (V), CHAU THANH (D). VINH LONG ACTIVITY REMAINED CONSTANT WITH MORE THAN HALF THE VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS RESULTING FROM BOOBY TRAPS. IN THE SECOND SUCH INCIDENT THIS MONTH IN VINH LONG, NINE PSDF IN SONG PHU (V), BINH MINH (D), DEFECTED TO THE OTHER SIDE. SA DEC WAS FAIRLY QUIET, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT BEING A GROUND ATTACK AGAINST THANH PHU HAMLET OFFICE, MY AN HUNG (V), LAP VO (D), WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR GVN KIA. THE SITUATION IN PHONG DINH REMAINED STATIC. ABOUT 3000 REFUGEES FROM TAN PHUOC HUNG VILLAGE REMAIN AT PHUNG HIEP DISTRICT TOWN. AN GAING WAS QUIET.

D. SOUTHERN DELTA: ACTIVITY IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE DECREASED WITH KIEN AN AND KIEN HOA DISTRICTS RELATIVELY QUIET. VC/NVA FORCES THERE HAVE NOT SUFFERED ANY MAJOR DEFEATS AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE RESUPPLYING, RESTING AND TRAINING. MOST ACTIVE AREA THIS WEEK WAS AN PHUOC VILLAGE IN SOUTHWEST KIEN THANH DISTRICT WHERE THREE OB'S WERE ABANDONED UNDER PRESSURE AND ONE WAS OVERRUN. VC/NVA HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY TARGETED GVN POSITIONS IN NORTH, WEST AND SOUTH OF KIEN BINH DISTRICT AND NORTHWESTERN KIEN AN AND ARE NOW EXPANDING THESE OPERATIONS INTO SOUTHWESTERN KIEN THANH. THE SUCCESS OF SUCH OPERATIONS IS INDICATED BY SWELLING REFUGEE POPULATION IN THE AREA. A TEMPORARY REFUGEE CAMP AT RACH CHANH (H), T UVKYOUDPNNHJPBOOWKIMJIFFIV7 1\$#1XNRQCFZL JUSXJXQBYISTERE##ON MARCH 20. BY APRIL 24, CAMP POPULATION HAD RISEN  
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TO AN ESTIMATED 6981. ACTIVITY IN BAC LIEU DECLINED BUT WAS STILL ABOVE THE DRY SEASON WEEKLY AVERAGE. VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN VIINH CHAU DISTRICT WHERE THE VC PHU LOI I AND PHU LOI II BATTALIONS WERE REPORTED TO BE OPERATING. 15TH REGIMENT OF 9TH ARVN DIVISION, WHICH OPERATED IN NORTHERN PHUOC LONG DISTRICT EARLIER IN THE WEEK, IS NOW CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN VINH CHAU. BA XUYEN REPORTS A DECLINE IN ACTIVITY, BUT THERE WERE MORE GROUND ATTACKS THAN IN ANY WEEK SINCE TET. INCIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN HOA VAN (V), HOA TU (D); VINH TAN (V), NGA NAM (D); AND KE AN (V), KE SACH (D). MOST VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST GVN OUTPOST. ACTIVITY IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE DELINED AFTER A VERY ACTIVE WEEK LAST WEEK AND WAS CONCENTRATED IN KIEN HUNG AND KIEN THIEN DISTRICTS. DISTRICT TOWNS OF BOTH DISTRICTS WERE HIT BY 107MM FIRE DURING THE WEEK WITH NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. A HUGE EXPLOSION AT VI THANH AIRPORT OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF SEVERAL SACKS

OF DYNAMITE PLACED INSIDE A NET OF 155MM SHELLS  
AWAITING SHIPMENT. SECTOR BELIEVES THE DAMAGE WAS THE WORK OF AN  
ENEMY SOLDIER WHO HAD INFILTRATED ARVN. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE,  
HUNG MY VILLAGE HEADQUARTERS, DAM DOI DISTRICT WAS OVERRUN AND  
THE FATE OF TWO PF PLATOONS DEFENDING THE VILLAGE IS UNKNOWN.  
A RELIEF FORCE WAS STOPPED BY BOOBY TRAPS ON THE MORNING OF THE  
OVERRUN, AND NO SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO RETAKE THE VILLAGE HAVE  
BEEN MADE. IN TAN HUNG DONG (V), NAM CAN (D), SECTOR FORCES  
LEFT THEIR POSITIONS AFTER STEADY DIRECT AND INDIRECT FIRE.  
AS A CONSEQUENCE, THERE IS NO GVN PRESENCE WITHIN A FIVE KILOMETER  
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